(d) The agricultural production varies a great deal from year to year depending on performance of south-west and north-east monsoon, incidence of pests and diseases, timely application of quality inputs, availability of Institutional credit etc. There is no deliberate attempt towards overproduction of foodgrains. Moreover, the Government follows a policy of maintaining a minimum stock of around 20 million tonnes of foodgrains by public agencies under Buffer Stocking Policy.

Assistance to Chhattisgarh for Central Schemes

1864. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chhattisgarh Government has submitted utilization certificate and project report for Centrally sponsored Agricultural Development Schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of funds that would be allocated to the State for various agricultural development schemes during 2003-04; and

(d) whether the projects have been approved by the Central Government as per the State Government's proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The following Centrally Sponsored Scheme are being implemented for the development of agriculture in the State of Chhattisgarh and the status of submission of utilisation certificates and the amount allocated against each Scheme during 2003-04 are as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

Name of the Scheme	Utilisation Certification (UC) Submitted/not	Allocation for 2003-04
1. Macro Management Scheme	Received UC for 2002-03 and interim UC for 2003-04	1400.00
2. On Farm Water Management	Does not arise, since the Scheme is being implemented by NABARD	329.40
3. Oilseed Production Programme (OPP)	Yes	46.00
4. National Pulses Development Project (NPDP)	Yes	42.00
5. Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP)	No	10.07

(d) The Work Plan for Macro Management Scheme for 2003-04 for Chhattisgarh has been approved. For Oilseeds Production Programme, National Pulses Development Project and Accelerated Maize Development Projects no specific proposals have been received from State Government. The proposal on Farm Water Management prepared by NABARD was approved by the Government.

Management proposals of Maharashtra

†1865. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal have been received from Maharashtra Government regarding overall management of agriculture during the last three years and during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Hi-tech Agriculture demonstration farm for Israel

1866. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have initiated a proposal for hosting the Hi-tech Agriculture Demonstration Farm for Israeli Government;

(b) if so, the details thereon;

(c) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh approached the Government of India through a letter requesting the Government of India to allow it to host the demonstration; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.